**PRESIDENT BIDEN VISITS KANSAS CITY**

President Joe Biden talks about infrastructure with a Missouri Route 46 sign in the background during an event at the Kansas City Area Transit Authority on Wednesday in Kansas City, Missouri.

Biden speaks in Kansas City about new infrastructure law

By QUINN RITZENFROEHR

President Joe Biden visited Kansas City on Wednesday to tout the recently signed $1 trillion infrastructure law and explain the benefits it brings to Missourians.

The state is expected to receive nearly $9 billion during the next five years for public transportation, broadband expansion and highway and bridge repairs. But Biden was most proud of the millions of jobs, specifically “prevailing wage union jobs,” those projects will create.

“We’re going to help rebuild the economy, this time from the bottom up and the middle out,” Biden said. “This bill is a blue collar blueprint for work that when we go to market for jobs created in the infrastructure bill don’t require a college education. The only way this works is that blue collar Americans do the building.”

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**‘THE TIME TO CLOSE, IT IS OVER’**

By JACOB MEIKEL

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Many shops in St. Joseph planned ahead to avoid shipping delays and keep a consistent inventory with Christmas less than three weeks away.

With supply-chain issues having loomed for months, stores like Bee and Thistle, located at 1137 Frederick Ave., anticipated shipping issues and ordered ahead to make sure they had an adequate amount of products in stock for the holidays.

“A lot of our vendors would tell us that we need to order a year in advance even for the holidays,” said Tishlyn Robbins, Bee and Thistle owner. “We’ve been hearing that when we go to market again, that we need to be ordering for Christmas in January. It’s been a challenge, and we’ve still working through it.”

Bee and Thistle’s vendors vary between local and overseas products. While local vendors are more consistent given there are less issues with shipping times, even local artisans face challenges supplying candles and essential oil products.

“They still have a supply-chain issue on wax and oils, but we do better with that just because we’re able to get it more quickly, but

**Stores dodge supply-chain issues with planning**

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If you spend time around Downtown, you’ll see new businesses, community events and an active attempt to revitalizing the area, but for some, it can be hard to look past the vandalism and people living on the streets.

Tishlyn Robbins has been a cashier at the Centex gas station on the corner of Third and Edmond streets for four years now. However, she said there is an increasing problem with the homeless population being aggressive.

“I deal with this every day Downtown. I mean, everyday I have homeless people coming in, being mean, trying to steal things,” Robbins said. “And this is an everyday occurrence.”

While Robbins may be used to these intense interactions, she said fearing for her life while at work is something she had never experienced until Sunday morning. James Justus, 27, entered the gas station before 9 a.m. looking for alcohol.

“He went straight for Four Loko, two of them, one in each hand. And he ran out. He darted out of the store. I chased after him, and at that point, I just was like, just forget it. You know, like $6, my boss will understand, and he just attacked me from the back right by the

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